

HOUSE WHERE TWINS DIED: Benton Harbor firemen work to extinguish flames in house at 712 Riverside street, where twins Phillip and Felicia Dyson died early today. The parents, Mr. and Mrs.

McCoy Dyson, and two other children escaped from the house through a rear door, after the explosion of a space heater blocked exit through the front door. (Staff photo)

Space Heater Explodes

Twins, 3, Die As Fire Guts Parents' Home

By HOWARD HOLMES
Staff writer

A pair of three-year-old twins died early today in a fire that gutted their parents' small wood frame house at 712 Riverside street, Benton Harbor firemen reported. Two other children survived.

Dead are Felicia and Phillip



WILL BRANSCUMB

Branscumb Won't Seek Re-Election

Will Branscumb, president of the Benton Harbor NAACP branch for eight years, will not seek re-election to a fifth term. Mrs. Margaret Hauser, branch secretary, said Branscumb chose not to run and the nominating committee last night submitted the name of Webb Griffith, Jr., for president. A contest developed for the presidency when the name of Hershel McKenzie was submitted by petition. McKenzie unsuccessfully challenged Branscumb in 1968.

ELECTION DEC. 28
presented its slate of candidates last night at a meeting in Blossom Acres Community center. The election will be held Dec. 28.

Branscumb, 38, has been in the face of the civil rights movement here and has rubbed elbows with the top echelon of the NAACP. He has served as NAACP area director and state

Dyson, children of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Dyson.

The mother, Marie, 22, was admitted to Benton Harbor Mercy hospital for first degree burns on the face and arms. The father, 27, was treated for cuts and burns on the arm, and released.

Fire Capt. Paul Bryant said the father got the children out of bed when a space heater exploded shortly after 7 a.m. today. Finding his path to the front entrance blocked, he herded the children towards a back door.

Bryant said the back door was bolted shut and was blocked by a bed. The twins' father told firemen the twins got away from him while he was moving the bed.

The two surviving children, Patrick 5, and a 16-month-old girl, Chamaine, were not injured, and were turned over to a relative. The twins were dead on arrival at Mercy

hospital.

Firemen said the Dysons had just purchased the small house and had been having trouble with the heater.

The entire inside of the house was gutted by flames. Funeral arrangements were incomplete this morning at the Robbins Brothers funeral home.

Roads Slippery

More Snow Due; Cold To Ease

A modest warming trend is expected to develop in the southwestern Michigan area by Wednesday, but more snow is in the forecast through much of the Thanksgiving holiday period. Strong winds of the past two days subsided early today.

The first winter-like storm of the fall season continued to pelt southwestern Michigan overnight, leaving more snow and dangerously slippery roads this morning.

MANY ACCIDENTS

Motorists in the area had a rough time becoming accustomed to the slippery conditions. Four police agencies in the Twin Cities area reported a combined total of 70 traffic accidents since the storm started early Monday morning. A rash of other accidents was also reported throughout the area.

The amount of snowfall in the area varies greatly. The largest amount was reported by the Niles city department of public works—3½ inches since early Monday.

Tonight's forecast calls for a chance of snow with temperatures dipping in the mid-teens. Wednesday's forecast calls for cloudy skies, a chance of snow, with warming temperatures.

More snow is expected on Thursday and Friday, ending 1.75 north of Gaylord for several hours.

however, are expected rise to mid-20's and low 30's later in the week.

LAKE ERIE TILTED

Winds gusting up to more than 60 miles an hour tilted Lake Erie by nearly three feet Sunday and Monday, causing one ship to run aground at the shallow west side and halting much Great Lake shipping.

The high water in the eastern portion of the lake was unable to return fast enough to replace the water being blown away from the western shore.

About 50 ships waited at the mouth of the Detroit River Monday for return of deeper water, until U.S. Coast Guard officials finally restored two-way traffic on the river.

Several main roads in the northern Lower Peninsula and in the Upper Peninsula were blocked by snow. Drifts as high as five feet were reported in northern and western portions of the state Monday, closing 1.75 north of Gaylord for several hours.

MORE U.S. SORTIES INTO NO. VIETNAM CALLED POSSIBILITY

Prisoners Won't Be Forgotten

Commandos Find POW Camp Empty

By Robert A. Dobkin
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is keeping its options open on the possibility of more commando raids to free American prisoners similar to the daring but fruitless weekend mission just 23 miles from Hanoi, according to Pentagon sources.

In describing the almost fiction-like raid to newsmen Monday, Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird said the commandos were sent far beyond the North Vietnamese border because of frustrated diplomatic efforts to free captive Americans.

"We shall continue to make every effort to free our prisoners," Laird said during a news conference. "This mission, this daring mission . . ." he went on, "does show our dedication to these men and we will do everything that we can in our power to accomplish their early release."

WON'T CLOSE DOOR

When asked later if this meant more raids, the Pentagon source declined to rule them out, saying officials weren't closing the door on the possibility.

Laird himself had hinted at possible similar tactics in the future during his opening remarks Monday when he told of preparing contingency plans for commando raids in the face of Hanoi's refusal to negotiate the POW issue.

"My recommendation (for the raid) was based on the same motivation that has prompted our steadfast readiness to mount the numerous search and rescue attempts in enemy territory whenever there is the possibility of saving of Americans lives," he said.

LEADER PRESENT

Laird's description of the Saturday raid—made even more dramatic by the presence of the commando leader—caught newsmen by total surprise as he related how specially trained Army and Air Force volunteers flew helicopters through enemy fire in post-midnight darkness to land right in the suspected prisoner of war compound.

"Regrettably the rescue team discovered the camp had recently been vacated," Laird said in solemn tones. "No prisoners were located." But, he went on, "if there had been prisoners in the compound at Son Tay, they would be free men today."

Laird said he ordered the raid with the knowledge and blessing of President Nixon after receiving new information "that some of our men were dying in prisoner of war camps."

FIRST MISSION

The undercover mission was the first mounted to liberate a POW camp in North Vietnam. (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



TELLS OF LANDING: Army Col. Arthur D. Simons tells a Pentagon news conference Monday about the landing he led of a small force of U. S. soldiers in North Vietnam to try to rescue American prisoners of war. Behind him is Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird. (AP Wirephoto)

BH Revitalization

ARIC, Chamber Plan Team Effort

By agreement with the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce, the Area Resources Improvement Council (ARIC) has assumed the leadership in a joint effort between the two organizations to revitalize the downtown Benton Harbor sector.

Elisba Gray II, Whirlpool corporation's board chairman and ARIC president, has named Eitel O. Eberhardt, Intercity Bank's president, as chairman of a nine-member committee to get the redevelopment project

going. Eberhardt is treasurer of ARIC.

The program, said Gray, holds top priority on ARIC's list of civic goals.

Other ARIC members besides Eberhardt are J. Ken Keefe, board chairman of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank; John P. Banyon, Twin City branch manager for the Indiana & Michigan Electric company; Leon P. Gideon, former Benton Harbor mayor and president of the general wholesale firm, Barentsen Candy company; and W.J. Banyon, president of the Palladium Publishing company.

Chamber members are Ned B. Gates, owner of Ned Gates Chevrolet, Inc.; John E. Small, local manager of the Sears-Roebuck Department Store; Richard E. Willard, F&M Bank's president; and Roger H. Curry, the Chamber's executive vice president.

FORMAL NOTICES

Formal notices of the committee appointments went out late last week.

Although the committee has not had time to assemble for its first meeting, its members informally have characterized their role as "emphasizing action. We're not interested in just another survey to be taken and then filed away."

The initial stress probably will be applied to bringing into reality the conversion of the old fruit market site to an in-town shopping center. This development has been in a paper

planning stage since its first mention five years ago as part of the city's Urban Renewal program.

The committee's next thrust would be to uplift what is now known as downtown Benton Harbor, east and north from the old market site.

The joint venture is an outgrowth of a decision taken in May, 1968, by the Chamber's

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)



EITEL O. EBERHARDT
Joint committee chairman



ELISBA GRAY II
President of ARIC

Lakeshore Interchange Assured

Congressman Edward Hutchinson said yesterday he has obtained a commitment from the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads for a full interchange on I-94 just north of Stevensville.

Hutchinson said the bureau informed him it would proceed with the project on a basis of 90 per cent federal funding, 10 per cent state. Paper work will start immediately but there was no estimate when construction would begin.

Completion of the interchange at I-94 and Red Arrow has been a prime goal of the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce for six years—in fact, it was a major reason

for the chamber's creation.

The partial interchange now prevents west-bound traffic from getting off I-94 and east-bound traffic from getting on.

The Michigan State Highway Department has favored completion of the interchange and urged the Bureau of Public Roads to authorize funds for construction of two additional ramps.

This go-ahead from the Bureau of Public Roads should be a real benefit to the Lakeshore area," Hutchinson said. A full interchange is located in Stevensville, a mile

and a half south of the partial interchange.

Announcement of the U. S. commitment prompted the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce to start plans for a victory dinner at its annual meeting next Jan. 25.

Secretary-manager Tom McGrath told chamber board of directors last night that strong assurances have been received for completion of the interchange in Lincoln township. He suggested that a victory theme might be appropriate to celebrate the long campaign. The annual meeting will be held at Win Schuler's, one of the businesses that should gain from the interchange.

Man Hurt In Attempt To Thaw Pipes

Benton Harbor firemen said Ceaser McDonald of 878 Pavone street wrapped some rags around a water pipe yesterday and set fire to the rags to thaw the frozen pipe.

The fire thawed the pipes, but it also set fire to electrical wiring nearby. McDonald got second and third degree burns on the hand when he tried to beat out the fire. Firemen said he also received a cut on the head, but did not seek hospitalization.

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

South America's
Backward March

In a lengthy feature on the changing political and economic life in South America, Time magazine reports that, "The polarization of the continent has picked up speed since the mid-1960s. At present, twelve of Latin America's 25 nations, and over 62 percent of its 270 million people are ruled by far right or far left regimes."

Time describes the manner in which Marxist President Salvador Allende was named to Chile's highest office by 36 percent of the popular vote in a three-way referendum. It also describes what may be ahead for Chile under the new President's slogan of "meat pies and red wine." Despite denials from Allende, there are grim signs that Chile's nine million citizens are to become indoctrinated to the Communist way of life, whether they like it or not.

As one Western diplomat viewed the situation, "Chile is a victim of Communist Russian roulette. Democracy gave the Communists one chance at power every six years. Now they've won, and they'll never give democracy another chance."

Among the disturbing symptoms of what is to come, Time finds that, "Under new contracts with the Ministry of Public Health, medical interns are required to devote at least an hour a day to lectures not related to their professional interests," which apparently means political indoctrination. Indications are that new school textbooks will appear shortly, and it is said that Communist journalists in Chile

Instruments
Vs. Man

Whether continued manned space flights are foolish or not depends upon what they could accomplish and the personal priorities of the individual making the evaluation. That manned flights are considerably more expensive to produce than unmanned flights is an accepted fact.

Two of the President's top space advisers have come down hard on the side of instrumented flights for future exploration, in place of manned vehicles.

"The manned space program, it seems to me, has had its day," commented Dr. Thomas Gold, chairman of the space science panel of the President's Science Advisory Committee.

"I am totally unpersuaded that men in spacecraft are important or even useful in any way that is commensurate with the effort required to maintain them there," added Dr. James A. Van Allen, discoverer of the Van Allen radiation belts.

These men represent the hard-nosed scientific viewpoint coming to the front in the space program. Their words carry weight.

Time For A Lame
Duck To Strut

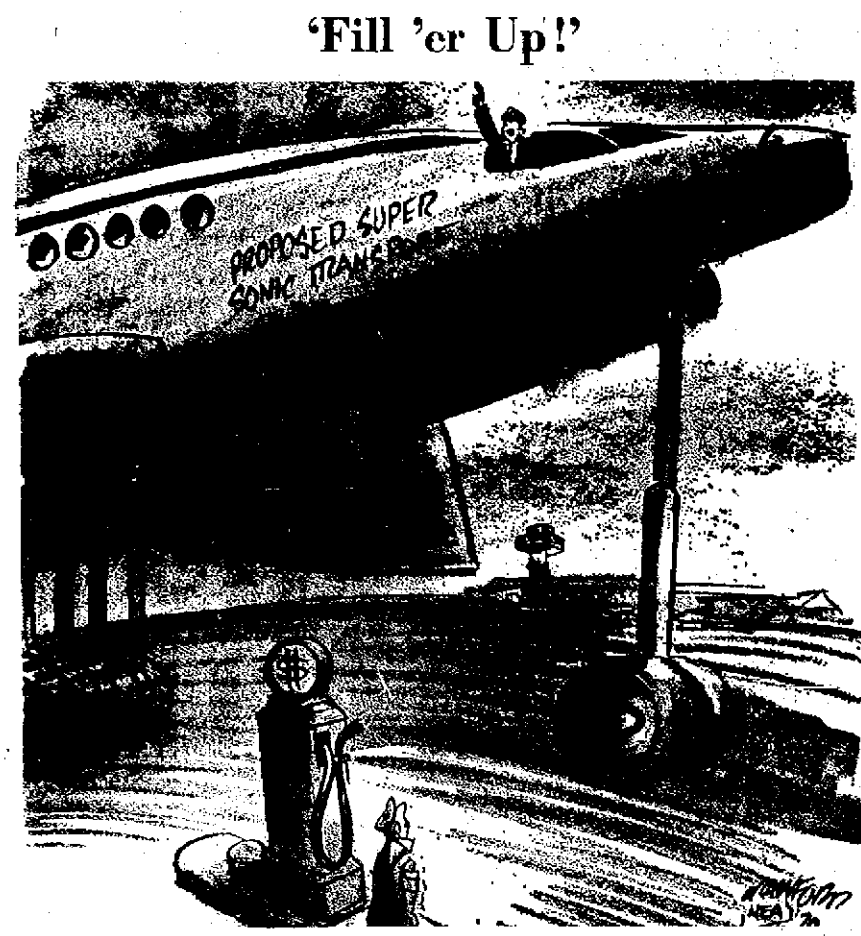
In these final weeks of its lame duck session, the 91st Congress has one last opportunity to take corrective steps against the growing budget deficit for the current fiscal year. It can do so by holding back on nonessential spending in the remaining money bills, and by proceeding cautiously in the direction of new programs.

No one in the Administration officially is predicting the extent of the deficit, but Treasury Secretary Kennedy has admitted it will be a great deal more than the \$13 billion originally forecast. Some Congressional sources estimate the red ink may flow as deeply as \$12 to \$20 billion.

The 91st Congress cannot do in weeks what it has been unable to accomplish in 11 months regarding the fiscal problem, but that is no excuse for not holding the line at this late date. Deficits in the scope of those mentioned will be another inflationary drain on an economy already sorely beset by this malady.

Of particular importance are those items of recurring expenditures which seem to find their way into the budget with increasing frequency. As Secretary Kennedy has warned, "It is possible we might reach a point where the normal, uncontrollable increase in federal spending each year would exceed the normal increase in revenues."

Indeed, that point was reached long ago.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

WOLVERINES DESTROY BUCKS' MYTH
—1 Year Ago—
They said Ohio State was a team of supermen, but to Michigan's Wolverines they were just a bunch of Clark Kents.

The Wolverines, whipped to an emotional frenzy by coach Bo Schembechler, transformed the mighty Buckeyes into mere mortals while claiming a share of the Big Ten championship and a Rose Bowl journey with a 24-12 victory that ranks as the biggest upset of college football's centennial year.

'WEATHERMAN' IN SPACE
—10 Years Ago—
The United States rammed into orbit today a camera-carrying Tiro satellite designed to be the world's first working weatherman in space.

The 280-pounds satellite — Tiro II — roared away from this missile test center at 6:13 a.m. EST in the nose of a 92-foot Thor-Delta rocket.

FIRST COUNTY DRAFTES OFF
—30 Years Ago—
Eleven Berrien county men reported today to their district draft headquarters in three centers to commence a year's military training under terms of the U.S. selective service act.

The 11 men, representing Berrien county's first quota for the conscript army, were all volunteers.

TO BE ORDAINED
—40 Years Ago—
Alfred Bodke, of Royalton, who has completed eight years' study for the ministry in Lutheran seminaries at Fort Wayne, Ind., and St. Louis, Mo., will be ordained in the near future by the Rev. Louis Nuechterlein at Trinity Lutheran church in St. Joseph.

COULDN'T HUNT
—50 Years Ago—
Marion and Merrill Wagner of Derby have returned from Freesoil where they spent the past ten days. They were disappointed in not receiving their guns and provisions which they had shipped and consequently were unable to hunt deer.

GONE TO EUROPE
—80 Years Ago—
John and Theodore Dickinson, sons of W.P. Dickinson, are spending several months in Europe. Mrs. John Dickinson accompanied her husband.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

("I had no shoes, and I complained; then I met a man who had no feet." — Ancient Oriental Proverb)

A blind man carried a cane of white, As he slowly walked across the street, He softly uttered a prayer of thanks, "I thank Thee, Lord, for my sturdy feet; And that I am able to move about, And visit my friends, both far and near, I realize that I am most fortunate, And these, Thy gifts, I hold most dear."

A cripple, confined to a wheel chair, Gazed out at the star-filled night, Instead of moaning, or cursing fate, He said, "Thank You, Lord, for my sight; For I read good books to pass the time, And at last, when the long day is done I see the Majesty of God revealed, In the crimson glow of the setting sun."

The poor man sat down to eat his meal, It was naught but a humble crust of bread, He envied not his wealthy neighbor, He cared not if the other prospered, Nor did he desire his neighbor's wealth, But with bowed head, he thanked his God For his most prized possession . . . health.

A funeral service had just been held, And a dear one had been laid to rest, A grief-stricken man, with head bowed low, Mourned, "Lord, You knew what was best." Then slowly, the young man raised his head, "I thank Thee, Lord, for leaving her here, To share my life for this short while."

It matters not how dark the sky may seem, Though dismal clouds blot out the sun, Find something for which to be grateful, After all else has been said and done. Then, take this simple message with you, As you travel along life's weary way, Take time to count your many blessings, And make every day your Thanksgiving Day.

CHET GARLANDER
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Editor,
The Herald-Press.

HE WONDERES WHO CARES ABOUT VIET NAM

While reading your paper the other day, I came across a photograph of two servicemen smoking marijuana through a gun barrel in Viet Nam, and the item that captured my attention was the last part of the caption underneath the picture which read "Who really cares about the war, anyway?"

This started me wondering as to who really does care about winning the war?

Do you think any serviceman really cares about winning or

could it be he's more interested in living in seeing his family, in coming home?

Do you think the businessman who makes a profit from the sale of war materials really cares about who wins? Or could it be he's more interested in his profit, or maybe, his own son.

Do you think Spiro Agnew cares about who wins?

I don't know, maybe, but I also wonder if he has a son of draft age, or how he would feel if he had to fight in a country halfway around the world.

I don't know. What do you think?

PETER SOLINSKI,
Bridgman.

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking
Of Your Health

I AM constantly amazed by the anger and hostility that some families display when a teenager dresses "wildly" or wears his hair long.

Many families who come to my office are so fixed on the hair situation that they lose all awareness of the basic emotional needs of their children.

I usually am able to establish an immediate relationship with adolescents by treating them with total respect and by avoiding the merest mention of their long hair.

The teenager invariably waits expectantly for Dr. Coleman to take sides with the parents about this over-discussed problem of long hair.

When finally it is brought into the open, both the youngster and the parents relax and even jest about the basic insignificance of the length of the hair.

Then and only then can parents settle down to the real problems of the adolescents. Only by giving their children understanding and devotion can parents come face to face with the real issues that confuse and trouble adolescents rather than the superficial annoyances of long hair and beaded belts.

Parents must eventually reconcile themselves to learning the art of listening to their adolescent children. The attitude that what was "good enough for us is good enough for them" has no validity.

Actually, it may not have been good enough for us, either.

Youth is being gradually liberated from many of the shackles that have bound us to our own neuroticism. Physicians, sociologists and psychiatrists believe that a greater understanding between parents and their children can control the growth of extremism and rebellion in our young people today.

Although he may have the body of an adult, the adolescent still has the unresolved emotions of youth. During this phase of growth, where the two overlap, humor can play an important role in mutual understanding. Anger and laughter rarely accompany each other. When anger flourishes in a relationship between parents and children, the rift between them becomes greater.

It takes a great deal of effort, but it is worth it, to seek a child's real sensitivity, hidden by the facade of long hair.

Adolescents and young adults can be taught that there are many rewards in solid citizenry and in the proper channeling of their energies.

To complain about the length of their hair seems to me to be the wrong start towards this understanding.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Support by a cane in bad weather saves many broken hips.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A 6
♥ A Q
♦ A K 9 2
♣ Q J 10 9 7

WEST
♦ K 4 3
♥ J 7
♦ 8 7 6
♣ A K 6 5 4

EAST
♦ 10 8 7 6 5 4 3
♥ Q J 10
♦ 8 3 2
♣ Q J 10 9 8 7 5 2

South **West** **North** **East**
1 ♠ 2 ♣ 3 ♦ 4 ♠ 5 ♣ 6 ♦ 7 ♠ 8 ♣ 9 ♦ 10 ♠ 11 ♣ 12 ♦

Opening lead — king of clubs. It took Sylvia a long time to learn point count. Not that she was opposed to point count as a matter of principle — she had a much better reason than that. The sad fact was that whenever Sylvia attempted to add up her points she invariably miscalculated them and wound up with a wrong total.

Sylvia clung to the notion that you measured a hand by the number of tricks you could take, and the number of points you held struck her as a mathematical exercise in futility.

Take this hand. Most members of the club would either

have passed the South hand or opened with a pre-emptive bid. But Sylvia appraised her hand quite differently. She felt she could win a lot of tricks with spades as trumps, so she opened with a spade.

West bid two clubs and it would have curdled your blood to hear the sound of North's double. Sylvia blithely jumped to four spades with her 6 points and you couldn't really blame North for bidding six.

Now anyone can plainly see that Sylvia was destined to go down, since she had a spade and a diamond to lose. But the wonderful thing about Sylvia was that she never even sensed defeat. She zoomed merrily along taking tricks right and left until she had finally garnered twelve of them.

She trumped the club lead, played a spade to the six, and ruffed another club. A heart to the queen and a club ruff were followed by a heart to the ace and another club ruff.

Then, after a diamond to the king, Sylvia trumped the last club. Now she led the ace and another diamond to East's queen.

This reduced Sylvia to two cards — the Q-J of spades. West had the K-4 left. Dummy had the ace of spades and nine of diamonds. When East now led a heart, Sylvia ruffed with the jack and West's seemingly invincible trump trick disappeared!

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

By BENNET CERF

All this hullabaloo about the mini skirt versus the midi or the maxi is purely academic, argues Goody Ace: with all this air pollution, what poor male can see anything anyway?

A deserving lady in Ohio found the following essay, entitled "The Bees," in the jeans of a ten-year-old boy on wash-day.

"When I opened my pencil box this morning there was about ten bees in it. They started to sting me. Then my father through some honey on me. Then they started biting harder. Then a lot of policemen broke down the door, and put some medicine on me with sticks. My father tried to kick them out, but they discovered he was a maniac who had escaped from Ohio Penitentiary. He had killed five women and ten men and was to be hanged in the gallows at Alcatraz. His daughter went to Texas and struck oil."

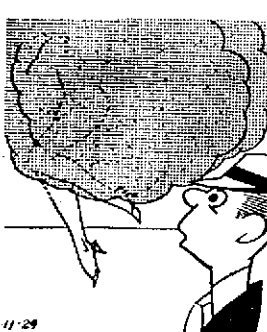
Step aside, Miss Susann and Mr. Robbins, and make way for a budding genius who knows instinctively how to pack a punch in his last line!

In Philadelphia, a prosecuting attorney ordered a comely defendant, "Tell the jury just why you shot your husband with a bow and arrow — and remember, you've sworn to tell the truth." The defendant brushed away a tear and answered, "I didn't want to wake the children."

This happens to be the 186th anniversary of the birth of the 12th United States President. The date was Nov. 24, 1784. The place Orange County, Virginia. Give up? Why old Zachary Taylor, who else?

Zach fought in four wars — the War of 1812, the Black Hawk, the Seminole and the Mexican Wars. A might busy boy!

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WILLIAM RITT

You're
Telling Me!

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Twin City
News

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1970

UNITED FUND PLEDGES 8.2% SHORT OF GOAL



COMMUNITY LEADER: Elks Exalted Ruler Mercer Fisher (right) presents engraved plaque of the Elks Community Leader award, to civic leader Louis Kerlikowske, veteran mortician and civic leader. The award was presented before 300 persons last night at the St. Joseph Elks lodge. Dr. Preston Bradley, principal speaker, is at left. (Staff photo)

300 Attend Dinner

Kerlikowske Lauded As Civic Benefactor

By DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

"You have honored yourselves by honoring Louis," Dr. Preston Bradley told 300 persons at a testimonial dinner for Louis Kerlikowske last night at the St. Joseph Elks lodge.

Kerlikowske, 73, veteran mortician, civic leader and benefactor, was awarded the Elks Community Leader Award for exemplifying the order's cardinal principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity.

Elks' Exalted Ruler Mercer Fisher said "Any attempt here to list the good done by Louis Kerlikowske would seem to be endless. I would offer instead that everyone in this room is a symbol of kindness he has performed. Each of you could

tell a different story about an instance of benevolence and charity by him as it would relate directly or indirectly to one of your loved ones. This testimonial by your presence is living, ample proof of our love for this man."

The plaque to Kerlikowske said in part: "In recognition of his many years of compassionate, unselfish, devoted service to the people of Southwestern Michigan."

Lamont Tufts, chairman of the program, traced the Kerlikowske career, from his inaptitude to farm work, his selection of a career as a mortician (somewhat to the chagrin of his father) an incident when he tried to preserve a can of worms in the refrigerator, (somewhat to the

chagrin of his wife, Ida) and through his successful establishment of the Kerlikowske and Starks funeral home.

Past Elks Exalted Ruler Don Briney, John E.N. Howard and Robert Starks, partner in the funeral home, each spoke on an aspect of Kerlikowske's civic and professional life. Briney told of Kerlikowske's support for his church, Zion Evangelical and Reformed, and for the Salvation Army; Howard, past Lions' governor, told of Louie's helping to found the St. Joseph Lions club in 1923 and Starks told incidents of Kerlikowske's professional career.

Tufts touched on Kerlikowske's work saying: "Lou Kerly's profession is not an easy job. (See back page, sec. 1, col. 5)

Audit Will End Drive On Dec. 15

Final Report Dinner Held Monday Night

With \$542,450.94 pledged so far, the United Community Fund campaign stands at 81.8 per cent of its \$550,800 goal, UCF officials reported last night.

Presentation of the report came at the final report dinner, attended by only some 65 persons because of adverse weather, and falling short of being a victory celebration.

Ray Shank, president of the United Fund board, said the drive will end Dec. 15 to enable a final audit to be made by the end of the year.

"The mood (among citizens) has not been like it should be," said Shank. He felt pledges should be closer to the goal, despite the lengthy Whirlpool Corp. strike and the effect of the General Motors Corp. strike.

Shank stressed that in Detroit, the home of General Motors, the UF pledges total some \$30.4 million — a mere eight-tenths of one per cent short of the amount pledged last year.

Noting that about 8 per cent of the local goal has yet to be reached, Charles W. Johnson, UCF general chairman, exclaimed, "What's a lousy 8 per cent more going to mean. It's (the money's) there, and we can get it."

DONATE SERVICES

During the evening, the most enthusiastic applause was given waitresses at Holiday Inn, Benton township, who donated their services. UF workers were guests of the establishment for their annual dinner.

The \$542,450.94 pledged toward the \$550,800 goal as of last night, compares to pledges of \$529,165 toward a goal of \$557,468 announced during last year's final report dinner. Because of a lesser goal, the amount pledged stood at 93.3 per cent mark. The goal was topped the following January.

The 65 persons who attended last night's session were below the crowd of 180 who turned out last year. Johnson indicated that while the weather was blustery, more should have turned out last night.

The report last night showed the special gifts division led the way with \$29,312.98 pledged toward its goal of \$30,000. This is 97.7 per cent for the division headed by Robert L. Starks.

INDUSTRIAL UNITS

All six sections of the large industrial division pledged a total of \$380,147.20 toward its \$403,800, for a 94.1 per cent mark.

Other divisions were listed: Utilities transportation and construction, \$32,744.99 pledged toward a \$33,000 goal, 99.5 per cent; professional, \$24,215.94, toward \$26,000, or 93.1 per cent; women, \$11,651.85, toward \$13,000, or 89.6 per cent; retail, wholesale and services, \$18,867.27, toward \$23,000, or 82.0 per cent; finance, real estate and insurance, \$14,887.48 toward \$18,000, or 82.7 per cent; public services, \$16,599.96, toward \$23,000, or 72.1 per cent; and national firms, \$13,832.30 toward \$21,000, or 65.8 per cent.

Jack Trefry, campaign vice-chairman, announced that distinguished achievement plaques have been presented to businesses and firms that have certified that at least 65 per cent of their employees contributed an equivalent of one hour's pay per month.

NEW ON LIST

Newcomers to the list this year were WHFB radio station, Donald C. Cook nuclear electric plant operations division, and Schumacher Construction Co., each with less than 15 employees; and Sanitary Cleaners, for the division with 15 or more employees.

Burch Printers, Inc., topped the list for winning years, getting the award the 12th time. This firm has more than 15 employees. Other winners in the 15 or more employees group were: Ollies, Inc., and Gast Manufacturing Corp., the tenth year; Appliance Buyers Credit Corp., ninth year; Klum-Olds Cadillac Co., eighth year; Whirlpool Laundry group, seventh year; Plastering Packaging Corp., and Whirlpool Research and engineering, sixth year; Twin City Coca Cola Bottling Co., fifth year; and

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Shank, president of UCF board. Figures were given last night during final report dinner at Holiday Inn motel, Benton township, attended by 65 persons. Shank said drive will end Dec. 15, leaving much work to be done to meet goal. (Staff photo)

Must Go To Voters

Six-Mill BH Tax Hike Considered

Benton Harbor city commissioners last night discussed a millage election to extend pay hikes awarded police through arbitration to all city employees.

City Manager Don Stewart estimated the cost of raises and benefits for all employees next fiscal year would be \$331,400 — using the package announced last week by a three-man panel which arbitrated only police pay.

The city is strapped financially, running a net operating deficit of \$231,600 last year. Obtaining more revenue through a property tax millage ballot or drastic cuts in personnel are seen as the only methods of granting any pay increases.

The arbitration ruling is binding on the city for the police department. City Atty. Samuel Henderson said it was reviewable in court but added that he believed an appeal would be

unsuccessful.

After Henderson's explanation, most commissioners seemed to feel an appeal would serve no purpose. Resentment was voiced against arbitration under state law forcing the city into something it can't afford.

Commissioners indicated that a raise for one department should go to all. Stewart was directed unofficially to extend immediate benefits of the police arbitration to all employees.

He estimated this would cost the city an additional \$25,110 from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1971, end of the current fiscal year. The benefits are \$7,500 term life insurance, an additional \$10 a month for health insurance, and call back pay of time and a half for a minimum of two hours.

Group life insurance is to start as soon as possible. The other two on Jan. 1, 1971.

PAY INCREASES

Big items in the arbitration package are pay raises — 8 per cent next July 1 and 8 per cent Jan. 1, 1972, to police. Stewart said total cost of police arbitration alone would be \$110,000 next fiscal year.

Benton Harbor has some 200 municipal employees including 50 sworn police officers.

The city this year levied 14 mills for operating and can legally levy six more mills with a favorable vote of the people. An additional six mills would produce about \$300,000 which Stewart said wouldn't be enough for all employees in fiscal 1972-73 when a 16 per cent increase would be in effect for an entire fiscal year.

"The sooner we can put this on the ballot," the better said Mayor Wilbert Smith in saying it's up for the people to decide. Smith was a member of the arbitration board and dissented on the pay increases. He said his objections were because of the city's financial strain, not on the merit of the hikes.

Commissioner Ralph Lhotka

suggested that the whole concept of arbitration by state law and the state chipping away at home rule be challenged in the courts.

Commissioner Greg Longpro observed: "The time to raise hell about home rule was before you got hurt. Let's start working on our legislators to restore home rule."

RULING DISCUSSED

Commissioners discussed the arbitration ruling and its implications informally after the regular meeting. Support for police raises came during the meeting in a letter from Jack Carter, president of the West Central Neighborhood Organization (WCNO).

The letter said WCNO was aware of the city's plight but suggested it would become more serious without high morale and high caliber officers.

"We will continue to be supportive of efforts to raise needed revenue and we suggest that an immediate study be made to determine the best manner of raising additional funds."

Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugh noted that Carter is a newly-elected county commissioner and should examine the

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Thanksgiving Will Delay Trash Pickup

Regularly scheduled Thursday trash pickups in Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Benton township will be delayed until Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Friday's regular pickup schedule will also be carried out on Friday.

Bondsman Will Drop Civil Suit

Agreement Worked Out With Bovo

A stipulated dismissal was expected to be signed today or tomorrow to end a civil suit by twin cities Bondsman Frank Bovo alleging Berrien Sheriff F.L. Jewell discriminated against Bovo.

Berrien Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor, Jewell's counsel, said he received today from Bovo's counsel, Kalamazoo Atty. John Vlachos, a stipulation to end the suit.

The stipulation, Taylor said, states that: "Both parties agree to adhere to the principles and spirit of the interim order." This refers to a Sept. 1 order by visiting Cass County Circuit Judge James Hoff for parties to follow the letter of the law regarding bondsmen and bonding information.

Bovo's suit claimed the sheriff showed favoritism toward other bondsmen, discriminated against Bovo, and failed to provide lists of bondsmen to potential clients. The suit sought an injunction to curb an alleged spread of misinformation that Bovo was unable to write bonds. Taylor said the stipulated dismissal, already signed by Atty. Vlachos, would be signed by himself and forwarded to Judge Hoff for his signature.

At the Sept. 1 hearing, Judge Hoff — without finding the sheriff guilty of any noncompliance with the law — ordered special bonding law training for sheriff's deputies. Later that month Bovo won reinstatement on the Berrien circuit court-approved list of bondsmen after being off the list a number of months.

A tentative trial date of Jan. 5 has been set for Bovo on a charge of bribing a Berrien county sheriff's deputy last December, Prosecutor Taylor said.

Hutchinson Reports Expenses

LANSING—Congressman Edward Hutchinson (R-Fennville) of Michigan's Fourth district and his committee spent a total of \$10,826.31 in campaign expenses for the recent general election.

Hutchinson won re-election to a fifth term in the U.S. Congress over David McCormack of Niles, a Democrat, by 73,948 to 45,568 votes.

According to a spokesman in the elections division of the Secretary of State's office, Hutchinson filed personal expenses of \$2,512.07 and the Hutchinson Congressional Committee filed expenses of \$7,914.24.

The spokesman said the elections division did not yet have campaign expenses listed for McCormack.

DIES OF CANCER

GRAND RAPIDS (AP)—Mildred Chamberlin, a former president of the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc., has died of cancer at 77.

Private School Aid Lakeshore May Defy Directive From State

Lionel Stacey, Lakeshore schools superintendent, proposed Monday that speech correctional service provided by the district to five students in private schools be continued after a Dec. 18 state-imposed cutoff date.

Stacey, in making the recommendation to the school board during its regular meeting, said the five students attend two Lutheran schools and are being served by a speech correctionist.

"Any student coming to our doors seeking an education should not be turned away," Stacey told the board. "I was upset to see the state

superintendent take a hard line on the amendment."

Stacey referred to the rulings from the state school office and the state attorney general which held auxiliary services must stop as of Dec. 18 because of the anti-parochial amendment adopted by voters Nov. 3.

The amendment to the state constitution bans funds and other aid to private schools.

ACTION POSTPONED

The school board postponed action on the recommendation until its Dec. 14 meeting and instructed Stacey to present a full report on auxiliary services at that time. He was also instructed to confer with par-

ents of the students and the private schools.

In other action the board awarded the Holland Construction company, St. Joseph, a contract for remodeling the Baroda grade school and for building a bus garage on the firm's bid of \$225,287.

The bid was second low among 10 received for the work Nov. 3.

Yarbrough Construction company, Paw Paw, the apparent low bidder, withdrew its \$195,352 bid with board approval.

James W. Yarbrough, in a letter, requested the move on grounds of a misunderstanding over the scheduled start and completion dates for the work.

WINTER WORK

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Orders from Judge Karl F. Zick setting child support at \$30 a week instead of \$38, with the difference going on arrearage, came for Gerald Winston Atkinson. He was found in contempt of court for nonpayment of support and was put on probation to Schoenhals for six months.

Atkinson has seven children. Three are 18 or over and he pays for the four youngsters who are on ADC, Schoenhals said.



JOINS SCHOOL BOARD: Thomas E. Alford, director of the Benton Harbor public library, was sworn in last night as a member of the Benton Harbor board of education. Mrs. Dorothy Blakeslee, board secretary, conducts ceremony at an informal session. Alford succeeds William Naylor who resigned last month. His appointment is through next June when the remaining two-year balance of Naylor's term will be up to public election. (Staff photo)

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Incumbent Republican officials of Benton township largely left their own wallets untouched, though the township Republican committee spent about \$1,500. Benton township Democrats, who scored a stunning victory over the GOP, spent up to \$534.03 individually and the township Democratic committee spent \$1,999.79.

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The measure covering loitering and conduct provides for arrests of adults only. Teenagers arrested under the regulations would be referred to juvenile court.

In other action, the council voted to purchase a street sweeper and front end loader from Neil's Automotive Service, Hartford, for \$2,121. The council also voted to have the old police car repaired at a cost of \$58.

The council also voted to send two city police officers, Glenn Robinson and Cecil Winslow to a police seminar in Chicago Dec. 12. The seminar will center on problems of arrest, search and seizure.

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Clete Brummel of Benton Harbor is director, pro-tem of the local anti-pollution group.



FISHY PAYOFF: Michigan Sen. Robert P. Griffin pays off Monday his bet with Ohio Sen. William B. Saxbe, right, on last Saturday's Ohio State-Michigan football game. It's a King Salmon, weighing 24 pounds, from the Great Lakes near Michigan. Griffin lost when Michigan lost to Ohio State, 20-9. (AP Wirephoto)

Hartford Teacher Quits Job

Marijuana Case Brings Fine Of \$128

HARTFORD — The resignation of second grade teacher Miss Catherine Speed, arrested Oct. 31 on a narcotics charges in a police raid on her apartment, was accepted last night by the school board here.

Miss Speed, 27, suspended by Superintendent Gary Waterkamp immediately following the arrest, has not been working pending outcome of the legal case.

Miss Speed was assessed \$128 in fines and court costs on a charge of unlawful use of marijuana in Fourth District court, Cassopolis, as a result of the arrest. She pleaded nolo contendere, which means no guilt is admitted but no defense is made.

The charge originally had been possession of marijuana. The teacher and a male companion, Rodney Parrish, 24, were arrested in Miss Speed's apartment at Magician Lake in Cass county by county sheriff's officers. Parrish was also assessed \$128 upon appearing in court.

The board received formal support from the Hartford's Education association for its handling of the case.

Named to succeed Miss Speed was Mrs. Doris Austin. She has been acting as a substitute.

Alternates Listed

Academy Appointments Announced By Hutchinson

Congressman Edward Hutchinson has announced principal and alternate appointees to the Air Force, Army military and Naval academies for 1971 entry.

Hutchinson also nominated two Fourth District young men to compete for appointment to the Merchant Marine academy, Kings Point, New York.

The principal appointees include two young men from Berrien county, one from Van Buren county and one from Hillsdale county.

The one principal appointment to the Air Force academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., went to Robert Royce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Royce of New Buffalo.

Jeffery Gerome Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry M. Hughes of Coloma, received the one principal appointment to the Army military academy at West Point, New York.

The two principal appointments to the Naval academy at Annapolis, Md., went to Eric N. Rydland, son of Commander and Mrs. L.N. Rydland of Paw Paw, and Thomas C. Goodrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Hudson, route 1, Hudson.

Nominated to compete for appointments to the Merchant Marine academy are David James Tower, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Tower of St. Joseph, and William Clarence Howe, son of M. and Mrs. W. Royal Howe of Maltawan.

Alternates for the principal appointment to the Air Force academy are: David Earl Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey K. Leonard, St. Joseph; Charles Ernest Schmeling, son of Colonel and Mrs. Earl C. Schmeling, Union; Dana J. Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlson, Coloma; Michael E. Marko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Marko, Decatur; Ronald John Rudloff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rudloff, Berrien Springs; Ronald K. DeCook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeCook, Grand Junction; George Thomas McClain, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. McClain, Mendon; Michael Carl Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Algon Fisher, Decatur; and Johnny L. Bagwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bagwell, Buchanan.

Alternates for the principal appointment to the Military academy are: Michael E. Damschroder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Damschroder, St. Joseph; Roger Douglas Keeney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Keeney, Plainwell; Edgar Allen Lindenmayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindenmayer, Stevensville; Byron Cuddelback, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cuddelback, Paw Paw; Thomas Joseph McGrath II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGrath, Stevensville; William A. Goresy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John

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NAVAL ALTERNATES

Alternates for the Eric Rydland appointment to the Naval academy are: Fred Jancili, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Jancili, Coloma; Thomas S. Marks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Marks, Wayland; Richard P. Dvorak, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Dvorak, Niles; Stephen Otto, son of Mr. and Mrs.

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Alternates to the Thomas Goodrich appointment to the Naval academy are: Robert Lenning, J. son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lenning, Coldwater; Charles A. K. Mitchell, son of

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Hartford Family Flees As Fire Strikes House

HARTFORD — An elderly rural Hartford couple and their son and his family escaped serious injury Monday when the house they were living in burned to the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. George Deckard of county road 372 (Hagar Shore road) and their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deckard and four children, were all at home when the fire broke out about 5 p.m.

CHILDREN BUNDLED UP

Both the elder Deckard and his son were at home convalescing from recent surgery and attempted to get the children bundled in warm clothes and out into a car before they could call the Hartford fire department.

Vere Shindeldecker, who was on his way home from work in Hartford spotted the fire and called the fire department about 5:10 p.m.

The two-story wood frame house and contents were a total loss according to Harold Walker, Jr., Hartford fire chief.

Firemen fought the blaze until 8:30 p.m. and left another truck on stand-by for several hours but couldn't save the home that is located about four miles north and west of Hartford.

Neither Walker nor the Deckards could determine the cause of the fire or the estimated cost of damage. The home was partially covered by insurance.

The younger Deckard was

treated for minor cuts on his hands at the Slaggs medical office. He was home recovering from back surgery and his father was released from Bronson hospital last week after lung surgery.

STAYING WITH NEIGHBORS
The elder Deckards are staying with neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin and the Charles Deckards are staying with relatives.

Mrs. Martin said all they had saved from the fire was the clothes they were wearing.

George Deckard has been on sick leave from Bangor Cooler Company in Hartford. His daughter-in-law Jean is employed by Rudy Manufacturing company, Dowagiac.

Plant Shuts Down

Dowagiac Workers Will Vote On Pact

DOWAGIAC — Operations at the Rudy Manufacturing company stopped early today as an extended labor contract with employees expired without settlement on a new agreement.

The firm's 700 employees were reported staying off the job pending the outcome of a union meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today in the armory.

Don Willmington, president of Local 1218, United Auto Work-

ers union, said the action was not a strike pending the union voting.

According to Willmington the firm's latest offer is to be presented during the afternoon session. But he said the union bargaining committee was not recommending it for adoption. He labelled the offer "ridiculous."

A spokesman for the firm described the offer as the

biggest in the firm's history.

Negotiations between the firm and the union broke off about 3:30 a.m. today. Federal mediator James Adressi had taken part.

The talks have been carried on since Nov. 13, the original date for the expiration of the old contract, under extensions agreed to by the union. The last extension expired at midnight last night.